FRESNO, CA - Congressman Jim Costa is seeking local student artists to compete in the Congressional Art Competition for the Twentieth District of California.

The competition is open to ninth through twelfth grade students who live in the 20th Congressional District. The deadline for submission of artwork is Friday, May 6, 2005. The local winner will be invited to attend the festivities in Washington, DC on June 14, 2005.

" This is a great opportunity to showcase the amazing talent of students from the Central Valley, " stated Costa. The artwork from student artists nationwide will be displayed in the pedestrian walkway to the nation's Capitol for one year.

Please contact Fabiola González in Representative Costa's district office for guidelines or any other questions. The Fresno office is located at, 2300 Tulare Street, #315, Fresno, California 93721. You may also call the office at 559-495-1620.